Statement

The main recommendations of the Inter-Departmental Committee are summarised below:—

1. The establishment of Cable TV Networks (without Dish Antenna) may be permitted after devising an appropriate regulatory mechanism to cover their operation both within private premises and across public property;

2. The licensing of a dish antenna should be permitted only on the condition that the programme received are not redistributed through cable or otherwise.

3. It is necessary to enact, a separate legislation which specifically addresses itself to regulating cable TV network operations in the country;

4. Such an enactment and the Rules and Orders issued thereunder could also clearly bring out the licensing procedures to be observed in the matter of establishment of Cable TV Networks as also technical and other parameters within which these networks are to function;

5. The Committee feels that it will be appropriate that the functions of licensing are delegated to the State Governments.

6. The Committee recommends establishment of a National Cable Authority to coordinate all matters regarding regulation of cable TV.

7. It will be compulsory for a cable TV network to carry all Doordarshan signals which are available in the area through terrestiral transmitters.

8. The distribution of programmes through Cable TV Networks should be brought within the definition of "public exhibition". This may call for making suitable amendments in related enactments.

9. The Copyright Act may be suitably amended for providing distribution of programmes through Cable TV Networks are a distinct category of copyright; and

10. The requests received from Government/Semi-Government / Autonomous Bodies for establishment of Dish Antennae Systems to receive TV signals from foreign Satellites for the benefit of foreign experts employed in these organisations may continue to be considered on case to case basis in consultation with the Ministries of External Affairs, Home Affairs and Information & Broadcasting.

Machinery for reviewing implementation of labour laws pertaining to women

271. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any machinery for reviewing the effective implementation of the Labour Laws, pertaining to women, by the State Governments;

(b) if so, what is the implementation position, State-wise;

(c) whether, Government have issued any guidelines or have requested the State Governments in any manner in the matter;

(d) if so, what are the guidelines/ advice so given;

(e) what is the State Government's response thereto; and

(f) if reply to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) and (b) Implementation of the labour laws is reviewed in periodical meetings with State Labour Ministers/ Labour Secretaries and also through periodical returns. A scheme on a pilot basis has been launched in some States

for strengthening the Enforcement Machinery pertaining to legal provisions for women and child labour. The Central Government have advised the State Governments to appoint Lady Inspectors for implementing the provisions of Beedi and Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966 as a large number of women workers are employed in the beedi industry. Some of the State Governments have responded positively, to this suggestion.

The State Governments/Union Territories have appointed enforcement authorities under the various labour laws to enforce the Acts.

The Equal Remuneration Act, 1976 was also amended to allow selected voluntary organisations to file complaints of violation of the Act. Some State Governments have recognised voluntary organisation for this purpose.

(c) to (e) The Central Government has been urging the State Governments and Union Territories from time to time for effective implementation of labour laws partaining to women. Further, as and when any complaint is received about non-implementation of the legal provisions pertaining to women labour, the same is taken up with State Government/Union Territory concerned with a view to secure proper implementation of the laws.

In order to implement effectively the different Acts pertaining to women workers, State Government/Union Territories were requested to set up Women's Cells in their respective State. Some Union Territories have set up such Cells.

(f) Does not arise.

Enquiry on recent blast at Chandni Chowk, Delhi

272. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Police have failed to find out the clue on the blast at Chandni Chowk in Delhi during January; 1991;

(b) if so, what were the main reasons for delay in finding the clue;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) The Delhi Police have reported that despite vigorous efforts, they have not been able to establish the identity of the extremist organisation responsible for this explosion on 27.1.91.

(c) and (d) A case FIR No. 34 u/s 3/4 Explosive Substances Act and 307/325/436/302 IPC and 3/4 Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act has been registered. No arrest has been made.

Bomb blast in different parts of the country

273. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of bomb blasts have taken place in different parts of the country during the last 2 months; and

(b) if so, whether large number of bombs have been detected by the authorities concerned in various states?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) The information is being obtained from all States/Union Territories and a Statement will be laid on the Table of the House.